(*b*) if so, what measures did the Government take to satisfy their need; and

(*c*) what is the position with regard to this matter at present?

Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukose: (*a*) to (*c*) The citizens of Pallithodu (Thuravur) Vettakkal, Azhikal, etc., have requisitioned for the opening of a dispensary in a central place. Government approved of the dispensary being located at Azhikkal. The question will be considered when the financial situation improves.

Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Asaripallam.

55. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how far the construction of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Asaripallam has proceeded;

(*b*) when the construction will be over; and

(*c*) when can patients be admitted to it?

Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukose: (*a*) The administration block, two general wards, and Medical Officers' quarters are ready and Nursing Sisters' quarters are almost completed.

(*b*) Quarters for Nursing staff, Dispensaries and other buildings are expected to be completed by Thulam 1117.

(*c*) When all the buildings are completed and equipment is ready.

Allopathic Doctors.

56. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Allopathic doctors who carry on private practice in the State; and

(*b*) the number of doctors among them who have been volunteers in the General Hospital, Trivandrum, or any other Government hospital of the State for two or more years?

Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukose: (*a*) Information is not available.

(*b*) In view of answer to part (*a*) this does not arise.

In-patients in the General Hospital.

57. ***Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the number of in-patients in the General Hospital both in the Medical and Surgical wards is more than the number of beds; and

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[Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar.]

(*b*) for how many patients beds are provided and what is the actual number of in-patients as they stood on the 1st Karkadagom 1116.

Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukose: (*a*) Yes. The number is more than the number of cots available.

(*b*) 339 cots are available for in-patients. The number of in-patients on the 1st Karkadagom was 790.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: In view of the answer to part (*a*), may I know where the excess patients are to be accommodated?

President: I suppose, on the floor.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the beddings are independent of the cots that are being supplied for these patients?

Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M Poonen Lukose: If the member means bedding, bedding is supplied.

Income received as fees from the various hospitals in the State during the year 1116.

58. ***Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table statement showing separately the income they have recovered as fees from the various hospitals in the State during the year 1116?

Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukose: A *statement containing the required information is placed on the table.

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